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SUBJECT: DESTROYERS FOR PAKISTAN NAVY

REF:(A) ISLAMABAD 7486 (B) ISLAMABAD 7487

1. WE APPRECIATED RECEIVING ISLAMABAD 7486 AND HAVE ALSO SEEN YOUR VERY THOUGHTFUL SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE ON THE LARGER QUESTION OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT LEGISLATIVE LOGJAM. THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL LEGISLATION HELD BYRD AMENDMENT LEGISLATION HEARINGS ON JULY 28 ON THE TRANSFER OF 49 VESSELS TO 12 COUNTRIES. FULL ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT IN NEAR FUTURE. WE PRESUME COMMITTEE ATTITUDE WILL BE FAVORABLE, SINCE NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED
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AT JULY 28 HEARINGS. HOUSE HEARINGS ARE NOT YET SCHEDULED

BUT NAVY AND DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING ON THAT PROBLEM.

2. WE ARE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE NAVY HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE A PAKISTAN NAVY TEAM TO INSPECT GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS. THE PAKISTAN NAVY AUTHORITIES SHOULD APPROACH THEIR U.S. NAVY COUNTERPARTS, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR ISLAMABAD, WITH THE REQUEST TO RECEIVE THE TEAM. ALL COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE BORNE BY THE PAKISTANIS. IN AGREEING

TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THIS REQUEST, THE U.S. NAVY EMPHASIZES THAT THE GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS WHICH THE PAKISTAN NAVY TEAM INSPECTS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE THOSE IT RECEIVES (ASSUMING THE CONGRESS ACTS FAVORABLY). AS YOU NOTE IN ISLAMABAD 7486, SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY ON THE DESTROYERS TO BE INSPECTED MIGHT NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE WHEN THE TRANSFER IS EFFECTED. OF COURSE, NO ONE SHOULD INFER FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE THE PAKISTAN NAVY TEAM THAT THE CONGRESS WILL NECESSARILY ACT SOON OR FAVORABLY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING SURE THAT THESE THREE CAVEATS ARE CONVEYED TO THE PAKISTAN NAVY AUTHORITIES ALONG WITH THE NOTIFICATION THAT THE U.S. NAVY WILL RECEIVE ITS INSPECTION TEAM. KISSINGER

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